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Mr. Jonathan Wright serves as the Director of Mergers and Acquisition (M&A) in the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Policy (IndPol). IndPol is responsible for analyzing the capabilities, overall health, and policies concerning the defense industrial base. Maintaining a healthy level of M&A activity maximizes the performance of the defense industrial base.

In his current role, Mr. Wright is the principal advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for IndPol and the Under Secretary of Defense for A&S for any proposed merger, acquisition, joint venture, strategic alliance, or investment that have implications for the defense industrial base. Mr. Wright works closely with the anti-trust agencies to ensure the defense industrial base is protected from anti-competitive behavior for transactions that meet the thresholds set forth in the Hart- Scott Rodino (HSR) Act of 1976.

Mr. Wright also co-founded the IndPol Business Intelligence and Analytics group. In this role, he was instrumental in developing the Department's first business intelligence web-based platform focused on supplier risk, data aggregation, and supply chain analytics.

Prior to joining IndPol, Mr. Wright served as a business analyst for Naval Sea Systems Command. He was the founding member of the Navy's Portfolio Assessment Team, where his team assessed supply chain risk, conducted financial health assessments, and provided business analytics to senior leadership.

Mr. Wright has more than 15 years of corporate finance, investment management, and financial analysis experience within private industry and government. Mr. Wright started his career working as an investment banker on Wall Street focusing on merger and acquisitions within the consumer retail industry. He also served in a variety of capacities at Northrop Grumman Newport News prior to the spin-off of the shipbuilding division which later became Huntington Ingalls Industries.

Mr. Wright is an alumnus of Hampton University, from which he graduated Magna Cum Laude and holds a Bachelor of Science in Finance. He also holds an Executive MBA from the University of Maryland, Smith School of Business.